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AMENDMENT

Director of the US Patent & Trademark Office
Washington, DC 20231

Sir:

This communication is filed in response to the Office Action dated July 25, 2001, in the above-identified application. This communication is accompanied by a Petition for a Three-Month Extension of Time.

Please amend this application as follows:

In the Specification

(The following page and line numbers refer to the substitute copy of the specification filed on September 8, 2000.)

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 3, line 22, with the following rewritten paragraph:

~ (b) contacting a surface of the medical device with a solution including a polymer or copolymer of (meth)acrylic acid, whereby the polymer or copolymers of (meth)acrylic acid forms a complex with the hydrophilic monomer on the contact lens surface without a surface oxidation treatment step and without the addition of a coupling agent. --

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